

Language development: compound words

1 Match the beginnings of the sentences with their correct endings.

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| 1 The bird flew over the roof | a wasting activity for students who are supposed to be studying! |
| 2 Paul's got this great new computer | b clip to attach the students' compositions together. |
| 3 The bride's brother had to act as stand | c tops, until it came to some green fields. |
| 4 Peter used a paper | d prints in the snow. |
| 5 The children ran around the garden, making foot | e day chores of cooking and commuting. |
| 6 Surfing the Internet is a pleasant, time | f controlled vacuum cleaner which does the housework at the press of a button! |
| 7 Harry's secretary has beautifully manicured finger | g nails that she's forever polishing! |
| 8 Mary hates the every | h in photographer, as the one they had hired was suddenly taken ill. |

Key word: *pay*

2 Match the phrases with *pay* in column A with their meanings in column B.

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| 1 pay attention to | a say something good about someone's work |
| 2 pay tribute to | b make someone suffer for doing something wrong |
| 3 pay homage to | c experience something unpleasant because you have done something wrong |
| 4 pay someone back for | d listen to and watch someone or something carefully |
| 5 pay someone respect | e pay more for something than it is really worth |
| 6 pay someone a compliment | f visit or send a polite greeting or wishes to someone |
| 7 pay my respects to | g pay for everything without depending on anyone else |
| 8 pay the penalty | h be polite and considerate towards someone |
| 9 pay my way | i say something good about someone's appearance or character |
| 10 pay through the nose | j do something to show your admiration for someone or something |

3 Complete the following sentences with a suitable phrase from exercise 2.

- It's not like Alan to _____ on my appearance! I wonder what he wants?
- She _____ for that dress, and it's not even well-made!
- That was a horrible thing to do! I'll _____ you _____ for that!
- I must go and _____ to Mrs Smith, whose husband died last week.
- In his speech, the Managing Director _____ the innovative work of the design team.

4 Replace the underlined phrases in the following sentences with a suitable phrase with *pay*.

- I promise I'll give back the money I owe you by the end of the week.
- This week I had to distribute 500 in bills.
- While you're in town, could you deposit this cheque into my bank account?
- The company was prompt in settling my insurance claim.
- She wasn't happy with the plumber's work, so she gave him the money for what he'd done and asked him to leave.